

Amendments to the specification:

The paragraph on page 8, spanning lines 7-11, has been amended as shown below:

According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, a portion of the hole 14 is shown as shaped as a portion of an inverted cone, that is, has the form of a frustum, i.e., is frustiform. In one respect, the inverted cone shape facilitates the insertion of the material 16 into the hole 14. It is, however, within the purview of the present invention that the hole 14 may be shaped in any reasonably suitable manner without deviating from the scope and spirit of the present invention.